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SUBJECT: 105MM HOWITZERS

REF: LA PAZ 8967

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT DELAY OF PRICE AND
AVAILABILITY DATA ON HOWITZERS WHICH DOD HAS PROMISED TO
PROVIDE GOB. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, CHARGED
WITH DEVELOPING DATA, HAS BEEN REVIEWING 105MM HOWITZER
AVAILABILITIES FOR FOREIGN SALES WORLD-WIDE AND THAT
QUESTION OF PRICE TO BE CHARGED ON ALL FMS SALES OF THIS
WEAPON IS ALSO BEING ANALYZED. ARMY MAKES CONVINCING CASE
THAT ITS REVIEW IS COMPLEX AND TIME CONSUMING. ARMY'S
OFFICIAL POSITION IS THAT ITS REVIEW WILL NOT TERMINATE
UNTIL MARCH, AND THAT NO DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR GOB
UNTIL THEN, BUT WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT ARMY REVIEW MAY END
BY EARLY FEBRUARY. WE INTEND TO KEEP ON TOP OF THIS, AND WE
CONTINUE TO PRESS DOD FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE OF DATA
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